

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KEVIN J. THORNE  
JAMES J. BENEDICT

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For: COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR  
BONE GROWTH AND REPAIR

Confirmation No.: 2764

Group Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: Patricia A. Leith

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(SBI-073)

**CUSTOMER NO. 45488**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
DATED JULY 31, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006, for which the three-month date for response was October 31, 2006.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith. This one-month extension will bring the due date to November 30, 2006, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013700RE.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The amendments to the claims begin on page 3. The remarks begin on page 5.